

**TEMPE AVIATION COMMISSION (TAVCO)**  
**MINUTES**

**MEETING DATE:** April 25, 2000

**LOCATION:** Public Works Conference Room, City Hall Complex  
31 E. Fifth Street, Tempe, AZ

**TIME:** 6:30 p.m.

**COMMISSIONERS:**

Attending: Jim Evans, Karyn Gitlis, Peter Graves, David Hausman, Ken  
Keberle, Peter Schelstraete, Joe Young  
Absent: Greg Ellison

**CITIZENS:** none

**STAFF:** Shannon Wilhelmsen, Government Relations Director  
Michael Williams, Williams & Associates  
Tom Schmidt, Williams & Associates  
Connie Krosschell, Economic Development Secretary

- I. Review and approval of Minutes of March 21, 2000 TAVCO meeting as submitted.
- II. Consultant Update on Aviation Activities  
Williams advised that the first Phoenix Airspace Users Working Group (PAUWG) meeting had been held on March 23 and following each meeting, he will distribute the official minutes as well as a transcript to the Commissioners. It appeared that the consensus of the carriers present was to reopen the IGA and look at the 4DME. Since the FAA invited the other cities to participate, Williams is attempting to meet with representatives of the East Valley cities who would be supportive of the noise abatement and IGA provisions for East Valley to form a coalition before the next meeting which is scheduled for May 4. He believes a coalition would be a powerful force in addressing any attempts to modify existing noise restrictions.

Wilhelmsen, Schmidt and Williams researched the gate issue. Williams advised that he will keep pushing for a gate proposal and will keep the Commission advised. Our priority is to look for ways to enhance the IGA by defining the gate (corridor).

Schmidt reported that he attended the MAG Regional Aviation System Plan (RASP) meeting on April 15. Discussions included an update of the previous meeting in September, 4DME issues and staffing issues at TRACON. Schmidt reported that our concern is with staffing and coordination between the controllers. Councilman Hallman is working with the FAA on these issues. Concerning noise abatement, Schmidt added that it is important that other communities realize they are affected by what happens in Tempe. RASP is considering bringing on a consultant, however, the job duties and responsibilities appear to be very vague. Wilhelmsen and Hallman are working on a job description and will present their draft at the next RASP meeting.

Schmidt reported that they had investigated two noise complaints involving low flying aircraft, but both complaints were vague.

Concerning the NOD procedure, Schmidt advised that when a violation occurs, a written notice is sent to the Chief Pilot of the carrier, asking for an explanation. A response is not always returned, and if not, no follow-up is done. Compliance is rated at 97 percent. We would, however, push for a more aggressive procedure.

Regarding the Part 150 Study, Williams met with Ellis Owens, Noise Abatement, and Jim Harris, of Coffman & Associates. As part of the government mandate to hire a consultant, the 4DME and IGA will be looked at. The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, May 1, at Sky Harbor. Wilhelmsen, Williams and Schmidt will attend. Schelstraete will be unable to attend, and either Commissioner Graves or Evans will attend in his place. Chapters 4 (air traffic/noise) and 5 (land use) will be discussed. It is important that Tempe comment in writing on each issue/chapter for the record. Williams will meet with staff to determine Tempe's response.

### III. Staff Update on Aviation Activities

Wilhelmsen reported that twelve candidates will be interviewed the week of May 1. Gitlis will participate on the interview panel.

Wilhelmsen advised that the consultant from Texas was here to recalibrate the monitors at 5<sup>th</sup> and Hardy and at Tempe Beach Park and the work should be completed by the end of the month.

Concerning the new Commission appointments, Wilhelmsen reported that two new Commissioners will be announced at the Council meeting on April 27, and one will be announced at the Council meeting on May 11.

### IV. Role and Duties of Aviation Coordinator

Wilhelmsen will email staff's suggestions for roles and duties of the Aviation Coordinator to the Commissioners for their review. Wilhelmsen recommended that educating neighborhood associations should be a priority task for the newly recruited Aviation Coordinator.

- V. Commissioners' business (topics for future discussion).  
Graves reported that at the recent Neighborhood Roundtable, considerable concern was expressed about aircraft noise. Williams and Wilhelmsen believe it is important to meet with neighborhood associations in an effort to educate neighborhoods on noise abatement and insulation procedures, aviation quality of life issues, and opportunities for serving on TAVCO.

Graves reported that Council had asked if any of the Commissions would be interested in reviewing the RFP for the Aquarena at Tempe Town Lake. Consensus was that TAVCO should review the RFP and Wilhelmsen will respond.

- VI. Citizen comments (not to be discussed or acted upon at this time)  
None.
- VII. In order to include all three of the new commissioners in the next meeting, it was the consensus to schedule the next meeting for June 13 at 6:30 p.m. in the Public Works Conference Room.
- VIII. The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Minutes taken by Connie Krosschell, Economic Development Secretary